

713 popular. A genuine one cost 40 to 45 *meğidijjât* (\$36-\$40.50) and was imported chiefly from Egypt; an imitation, *tuğğâr-rijje*, which came from India, sold for 28 to 30 *meğidijjât* (\$25.20-\$29). The *şêhâni* is a Turkish military rifle, a Martini; the *umm sunki* kind of *şêhâni* could be bought for 50-60 *meğidijjât* (\$45-\$54), the *umm kufl* variety for 40-50 *meğidijjât* (\$36-\$45). All modern rifles are called Mausers by the Bedouins. Breechloaders are not liked by the Rwala and the rifles fitted with breechblocks, *ummu-ş-şba'*, are less sought after than those without. The original Mausers, especially the Mannlichers, cost 50-60 *meğidijjât* (\$45-\$54); the imitations, *tuğğâri*, were sold for as much as 20 *meğidijjât* (\$18) less. All arms were brought from the seaports of Jidda or al-Kwejt. During my stay with Prince an-Nûri he was visited by six trade caravans with war munitions. One of the caravans numbered 210 camels carrying more than a thousand rifles with many thousand rounds of cartridges as well as much lead, gunpowder, and many caps. In the camp of every tribe an expert mechanic may be found, who can repair guns and manufacture cartridges.

From time to time both the sons and negroes of the chiefs practice shooting. Their target, *nîşân*, generally is a black stone, a stick with a kerchief tied to it, or an old piece of clothing. The best marksman is rewarded by the chief with the head of the first camel he slaughters. *Ramje* (pl., *rami*) signifies a report, a shot. "*Bârûdi 'araft ramîha*" means "I know the reports of my rifle; "*w-allâh ramîha zên*," "she shoots well." A *binduk* is a *bârûd* rifle with a flintlock or caps and is always feminine.

*Ma' binduken lafzât fammiha jeşebni
laha 'ala haṭwa-l-muğannaḥ marâmi.*

A rifle, the reports of whose mouth help me to reach my aim
And whose shots are destined for many a feathered one.

The words for bullet are *talâti*, *rbâ'i*, *ḥmâsi*, *stâti* — the last being of the largest caliber. *Sêşhâne*, or *şêşhân*, are old rifles whose barrels are five or six-angled on the inside. If the barrel is round, or at least smooth, it is called *ḥamra*. *Bindukijje* are men armed with *binduk* rifles.

Of the ancient weapons the spear, sword, saber, and dagger still survive. The spear, *rumḥ*, consists of a steel or